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# NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 25, 2009 Through April 23, 2009

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## **New Hollister Courthouse For San Benito County**

The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the staff agency of the Judicial Council of California, is considering adoption of a mitigated negative declaration for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a new courthouse in Hollister, CA (see map on the following page). The AOC proposes to acquire a parcel in the City of Hollister, construct a new courthouse facility, and operate the facility for use by the Superior Court of California, County of San Benito (Superior Court). The new courthouse will provide improved security for public visitors, judges, and courthouse staff; improve access to judicial facilities for residents of San Benito County; provide courthouse facilities that meet current building standards for public use; and provide consolidated judicial facilities to improve judicial efficiency and support new judicial services and additional judges. After completion of the new courthouses, the Superior Court will consolidate its operations and vacate several buildings. The AOC has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to comply with requirements of CEQA; the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration disclose and evaluate the project's environmental impacts.

### WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the proposed project and to provide comments to the AOC concerning the proposed project. The deadline for submitting comments is April 23, 2009.

### HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

The AOC encourages your participation. You may submit comments concerning the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to:

Mr. Jerome Ripperda  
Administrative Office of the Courts  
Northern/Central Regional Office  
2860 Gateway Oaks, Suite 400  
Sacramento, CA 95833-3509  
E-mail: [Jerry.Ripperda@jud.ca.gov](mailto:Jerry.Ripperda@jud.ca.gov) or FAX: 916-263-8140.

All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on April 23, 2009. The deadline for e-mailed comments or faxed comments is 5 PM on April 23, 2009.

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The AOC will hold a public meeting at the location listed below on April 13, 2009 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM to discuss the CEQA documents and receive public comments:

San Benito County Board of Supervisors Chambers  
481 4th Street, 1st Floor  
Hollister, CA 95023

#### WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

You may request a copy of the document by sending a request for the document to Mr. Ripperda at the address listed above. Alternatively, you may download a copy of the document from the following website:

[http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects\\_sanbenito.htm](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_sanbenito.htm)

In addition, a copy of the CEQA document will be available for review in the government document repository of the following location:

San Benito Library  
470 5th Street  
Hollister, CA 95023  
Phone: (831) 636-4107  
<http://www.sanbenitofl.org/>

The full administrative record for the project is available at: Administrative Office Of The Courts, Office of Court Construction and Management, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102-3668. Please call 415-865-4017 for an appointment.

#### CONTACT

If you have questions about the project or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Jerome Ripperda at 916-263-8865 or by e-mail at the address listed above.

